



Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee Minutes for December 17, 2008

The Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540A, Phoenix, Arizona.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Ms. Barbara J. Allgood
Ms. Patty Gray
Ms. Judy Downs
Ms. Diane Kubala
Ms. Christine Ellis
Dr. Dan Aspery
Ms. Clare Kioski
Dr. Don Lauer
Ms. Barbara Averyt
Dr. Kirschner
Mr. Ken Komatsu
Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine
Mr. Don Herrington

Guests present

Dr. Cara Christ
Ms. Laura Erhart
Ms. Claire Ogden
Ms. Patty Gast
Ms. Barbara Fanning
Mr. Thom Wilson
Ms. Wendy Snyder
Ms. Mary Ann Yahl

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Don Herrington, as the Director's designee, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Introductions of Committee Members

Mr. Herrington asked that everyone introduce themselves. All those present either in person or by teleconference briefly provided an introduction to the group.

Review and Acceptance of November 19, 2008 minutes

Mr. Herrington asked if time were needed to review the minutes from the previous meeting or if there was a need to make any corrections. Hearing no expressed need, Mr. Herrington asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes. Ms. Clare Kioski moved for the approval of the minutes and Mr. Ken Komatsu seconded the motion. Upon vote by the Committee, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Overview of State Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Reporting Laws Presentation

Ms. Nancy Hailpern, Assistant Director, Governmental Affairs, Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC), provided an overview of State laws to the Committee. As part of the presentation, Ms. Hailpern also provided a table of the major points of State laws so that easy comparison could be made. Through the presentation it was quite evident that there were differences in the type of reporting that was being done, both in regards to type of infections and process measures. Presently 29 states require some form of reporting.

Discussion of Scope of Activities of the Committee

The Committee discussed the scope of their activities. The discussion covered whether in the review of other states it would be advantageous to look at them in terms of chronological order of their passing laws, being similar to Arizona, or possibly in reverse chronological order. It was also discussed that the Committee would need to assess if long-term care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, assisted living facilities and ambulatory sites were covered in the other states.

Ms. Kioski presented the idea that it would be good to update the manual produced by the ADHS as part of our recommendations. Ms. Kioski stated that a sub-committee could be formed to complete this task. Mr. Herrington suggested that updating the manual might be something the Committee could recommend, but that if the Committee undertook that task, it might effect completing what the statute required. Both Ms. Kioski and Mr. Herrington agreed that the manual needed updating, and Mr. Herrington suggested that the local APIC organization approach the ADHS about working together outside of the Committee activities. After discussion, Ms. Ellis said she felt this might divide the group. It was decided by the Committee to not take a vote on this initiative, since the feeling was mixed and the Committee did not want to be divided so early in the Committee's life.

Dr Lauer mentioned that we should go on with our State reviews so that the Committee could continue to move forward. The Committee then divided up some of the states with existing laws. Each Committee member assigned a state will provide a 5 minute overview of that state at the next Committee meeting.

Discuss of Agenda and Logistics for Next Meeting

The Committee discussed the next meeting's agenda and set the state presentations of the Committee as the primary agenda item. The next meeting will be January 21, 2009, at the ADHS, 150 N. 18th Avenue, 4th Floor ALS Training Room. The meeting will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The call in number will remain the same for those members unable to attend in person.

Discussion of the Composition and Membership of the Committee

Mr. Herrington said that he received an inquiry about how the Committee was determined. Mr. Herrington described the application process and selection process. The inquiry was particular to the appointment of a professional healthcare person (Ms. Kioski) filling the role of the survivor, even though Ms. Kioski was a survivor herself. Ms. Averyt said that she was the person making the inquiry. Ms. Averyt said that it was nothing against Ms. Kioski, who she held in high regard and felt was an important part of the Committee; however Ms. Averyt felt we were missing the voice of the consumer, non-healthcare professional. Ms. Averyt did not want to replace Ms. Kioski, but rather add a consumer to the Committee. After discussion, a vote was held and it was determined that Ms. Averyt would confer with local healthcare facilities to see if a volunteer could be located and appointed to the Committee. Ms. Averyt made a motion to add a consumer, of a non-healthcare background to the Committee, if such a person could be found and if the person would be able to join the Committee by the February meeting. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority of the Committee supporting the motion. If the consumer can be found, that person will be recommended to the Director of ADHS for appointment to the Committee.

Call to the Public

There was a call to the public, but no one chose to address the Committee.

Next Meeting / Adjournment:

The next meeting will be January 21, 2009, at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the ADHS, 150 N. 18th Avenue, 4th Floor ALS Training Room.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.